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THIRTY-SIX MORNING PRAYERS,

BY

A Lady,

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AS USED IN HER OWN FAMILY:

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TO THE

REV. ARCHDEACON NARES.

“The fashion of this world passeth away.” 1 Cor. vii. part of ver. 37.

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God; he that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, hath both the Father and the Son.” 2 John, v. 9.

“Moreover I will endeavour that you may be able, after my decease, to have these things always in remembrance.” 2 Pet. i. 15.

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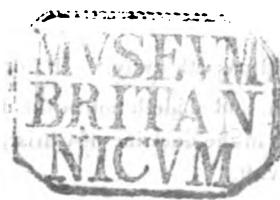
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P R E F A C E.

THE duty of Family Prayer, till it becomes habitual, requires many aids and various means of support. In a large household, the different ages, situations, and capacities of each member, must be considered, and though there are many collections of private devotions, written by Clergymen from whose works it is the boast of the Author to have adorned these Prayers, she thinks there cannot be too many pious efforts to establish a regular Form of Daily Prayer in every house. It is certainly as necessary to be reminded of our spiritual duties, as it is found convenient to be put in mind of our worldly engagements;

ments ; and the Author has observed the most satisfactory results, in every family where the master or mistress have adopted the practice of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures morning and evening, with a selected collect or prayer ; closing with the united devotion of all present in the Lord's Prayer. Experience is useful in every pursuit : let the warning voice of age persuade the young to follow their Creator in the days of their youth, and when they are old, He will not forsake them ; for the Lord is gracious, and His mercy is over all His works.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil, For
Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. *Amen.*

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

I.

MORNING PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY GOD who art merciful to all, and ever ready to hear our prayers, we bow down before thy footstool, beseeching Thee to bless us, and to pardon our iniquities. Write Thy laws upon our hearts, **O Heavenly Father**, and make stedfast all our purposes and endeavours to keep Thy holy commandments. Teach us, Thy humble servants, so to wait upon Thee, our God, during our appointed time on earth, that when the evil days come on, and the years draw nigh, in which the pleasures of this world shall vanish, we may be ready for the change; and so finish our course, that our example may do good to all with whom we have lived in society and friendly intercourse; and that we may all partake finally of the felicities of thy chosen in heaven. **O Lord**, guide the hearts of Thy people by Thy Holy Spirit; convert unbelievers throughout all the world, by the power of Thy Holy Word; support all who call upon Thy name wherever dispersed, and however distressed. In righteousness establish the throne, and uphold the sceptre in justice; instruct our counsellors, and teach our senators wisdom; clothe Thy Priests with holiness, and Thy people with humility. Defend the cause of the orphan, the fatherless, and the widow, the poor and

and the needy; reward our benefactors, bless our relations and friends, and incline our hearts to do good to all, with such Christian love, as our blessed Saviour commands. Bless us, O Heavenly Father, who now prostrate ourselves before Thee, to implore Thy mercy, and to praise and magnify Thy Holy Name, for all Thy bounties, from day to day bestowed upon us. We praise Thee for Thy care and protection of us this last night, and for the comforts Thou hast this morning renewed to us. O Lord, increase our thankfulness as Thou increasest Thy bounty, and let us ever look up to the true source, whence all our blessings flow. Let Thy hand uphold us this day, and Thy good Spirit guide our thoughts, words, and works. Give us grace rightly to understand our duties, as set forth in Thy Holy Word; and to persevere constantly in the practice of Christ's holy precepts, that no temptation of this world may be able to draw our hearts from Thee, or our actions from the laws of our God and Saviour. Enable us to regulate all the worldly concerns of this day, with that Christian spirit, which we devoutly pray Thee to instil into our hearts, so that in the end we may safely arrive at Thy kingdom in Heaven, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c. &c.

MORNING

II.

MORNING PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY and ETERNAL GOD, with deep humility we adore Thee, and acknowledge that all we have, and all we are, is the effect of Thy unspeakable bounty. O give us such a sense of Thy infinite goodness, that we may humbly and heartily thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, for all Thy graces and favours bestowed upon us; for creating us, and for preserving us by the daily protection of Thy Providence; for redeeming us by the death of Thy blessed Son; for the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, to sanctify our corrupt nature; for causing us to be born in a Christian country; for blessing us with the plentiful means of salvation; and for the glorious inheritance prepared for those who love Thee, and keep Thy commandments. We also thank Thee, O God, for the many temporal blessings which Thou hast conferred upon us, in our different situations in life: for our comfortable rest the last night, and for Thy preservation of us from all accidents and dangers. We thank thee, O Lord, for all the comforts and conveniences of life, as well as for the common participation of Thy bounty to all Thy creatures. O may we delight to praise Thy Holy Name, for Thy great indulgence to us, and grant that we may above all else,
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love Thee our great Benefactor. O Father of mercies, have compassion upon us, miserable sinners, despise not the work of Thine own hands, the purchase of Thy Son's blood, for whose sake we implore the pardon of our sins. We are sorry that we have so often offended against Thy holy laws, and we resolve, by the assistance of Thy grace, to amend our lives, to correct our faults, and study to avoid occasion to commit evil, and earnestly try to conform to Thy ways. Enlighten our minds with a true and thorough knowledge of our duty, and enable us to perform it. Defend us by Thy power from all those snares and temptations, which continually solicit us to offend thee. Keep us from all those bodily dangers to which we are daily exposed. Keep us in innocence of mind, and in charity to our fellow-creatures. Enable us to manage our temporal concerns with integrity; direct our paths, and teach us to guide all our steps with discretion; but let not the pursuit of the things of this life, rob us of that time which ought to be employed in the concerns of our souls, or divert our attention from serious thoughts of the world to come; so that walking faithfully before Thee all our days, we may be found watching, and at our appointed hour be translated, from a life of humble piety, to a life of eternal righteousness and glory, through our most blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c. &c.

MORNING

III.

MORNING PRAYER.
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O ALMIGHTY FATHER, to whose goodness we owe the safety and protection of the past night, vouchsafe to accept our praises and thanksgivings, and to renew Thy care of us through this day. Thou sparest, when we deserve punishment, and in the midst of Thy wrath, Thou thinkest upon mercy. Thy goodness, as the sun, shineth upon the evil as well as the good. Thou dost dispense Thy mercies, and Thy judgments, as is most expedient for our eternal welfare. Thy Divine Providence wisely orders all things for the good of mankind, placing every one of us in such situations as Thou knowest to be the best and fittest for us. O teach us to resign ourselves entirely to Thy holy will, without murmuring, without repining, and without peevishness. Enable us to submit ourselves to Thy disposal with content, and may we acquiesce patiently in whatever trials Thou mayest have appointed for us. O merciful Father, Thou knowest the infirmities of human nature, and dost promise to pity and forgive them. How uneasy, alas! are we frequently in the midst of plenty, and how ready to murmur when in possession of the greatest temporal blessings, and when Thy Providence is most indulgent to us. O blessed Father, how often and how long have we sinned against Thee.

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O how often have we stopped our ears when Thou hast called us to repentance. How ungratefully have we enjoyed all the good things which Thou hast showered upon us. O Lord, soften our impenitent hearts, and lead us to a right sense of Thy goodness and long-suffering towards us. O Lord God, through the merits of Christ Jesus, who came upon earth to seek and to save that which was lost, pardon our sins; and give us true repentance, that we may obtain mercy. Let Thy Gospel be our guide, Thy promises our support, and Thy power our defence, against the temptations of our own hearts, and the wiles of our spiritual adversary. May every day which Thou addest to our lives, make us more and more fit for the great day of account, when we must all appear at the judgment-seat of Christ. Inspire our hearts, O Lord, with such an awful sense of our own sins and wickednesses, that we may cease to do evil, and learn to do good, while life is spared to us: and God of his infinite mercy grant, that we may spend our lives in such manner upon earth, that we may hereafter be numbered among Christ's faithful servants in his heavenly kingdom, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## IV.

**MORNING PRAYER.**

O LORD, the Blessed God of our salvation, upon whom the eyes of all do wait, for Thou givest unto all life, and breath, and all things, and upon Thee we depend continually for all the good we have, or hope for; Thou ever takest care of us, even in our rest and sleep, when we have not a thought of caring for ourselves. O Lord God, how great is Thy goodness to the children of men; let all flesh praise the Lord. Merciful Father, daily thou renewest to us our lives, and thy mercies; and Thou hast given us the assurance of Thy holy word, that if we commit ourselves to Thee, and acknowledge Thee in all our ways, thou wilt establish our thoughts and direct our paths. We therefore earnestly desire, O Lord, still to put ourselves under Thy gracious conduct and fatherly protection, and we pray for Thy heavenly guidance and blessing, and that Thou wilt dispose of us, and of all that concerns us, to the glory of Thy holy name. O Lord, withdraw not from us Thy tender mercies, nor the comforts of Thy presence, nor the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Do not punish our past sins, by giving us up to the power of them; but grant us truly penitent hearts for all the evil committed by us, and grant us Thy merciful pardon for the guilt

guilt that lies upon us. Give us, O Heavenly Father, the comfortable sense and apprehension of Thy mercies through Christ, in whom we may be made acceptable to Thee, and feel a hope of Thy gracious intentions towards us, for the sake of our blessed Redeemer. O may our souls praise Thee, and give thanks unto Thee for evermore. Enable us to resist all our sins, guarding more particularly against those to which we are most addicted; and whereof we are most in danger. Make us more ready to perform every good work, and better disposed for all the duties of piety, justice, charity and sobriety, which we owe to Thee our God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. O help us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, carefully redeeming the time we have lost, and conscientiously using all the means of grace which Thou hast put in our power. O Lord, keep us this day in Thy fear and favour, give us such things as are needful for our present state of existence, and for our future happiness; amidst all our affairs in this world, let us never forget the one thing needful; but may our greatest care be so to demean ourselves every day, as to forward our good account, in the great day of Thy appearing in glory, and grant us a timely repentance of our evil deeds, and that we may follow the courses, and take the ways most acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord our Strength and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

## V.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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MOST GRACIOUS LORD GOD, the source of all our comforts here, and the sure foundation of all our hopes hereafter, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, look down from heaven upon us unworthy servants, who beg leave to renew our thanks to Thy Divine Majesty, for the safety and protection Thou hast afforded us this last night: we have slept securely, and blessed be Thy name, we are still in health and safety. Let us ever magnify Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings we enjoy. O most merciful Father, forgive us all the unworthy returns we make Thee, for the manifold favours we are constantly receiving, and grant us for the time to come, such a sense of Thy mercy, that we may love Thee with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength; that we may study to please Thee in all things, and be afraid of nothing so much as Thy wrath and indignation. And, O Lord, that we may serve Thee as we ought, preserve us from the power of ensnaring objects, and make us truly sensible of the vanity of this world, neither permit us to be brought under the dominion of those lusts which war against the soul, under the false appearance, too frequently, of harmless pleasures, which we do not fear, because they are so generally pursued. O Lord,

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let us not forget, " which is the greater, the gold, or the temple which sanctifieth the gold :" for Thou, Lord, art the Giver of every good gift. O grant us a right understanding of Thy holy will, so that neither the pleasures of this life, nor the business and cares of it, may ever make us neglect the salvation of our souls, and the great work Thou hast set us to do. Root out all covetous affections from our hearts, deliver us from pride and vanity, from a partial conceit of ourselves, from a mean opinion of others, from a censorious and uncharitable spirit, from an envious and malicious temper, and from all those sinful and corrupt affections which are hateful in Thy sight. O let it be our greatest care to provide for eternity ; endue us with that wisdom which is from above, with that meekness and humility which are in Thy sight of so great value : and bestow on us all those holy and Christian dispositions which Thou lovest. Grant us a due sense of our frailty, that we may be mindful how we live, and that we may consider the shortness and uncertainty of this life, and the eternity of that which is to come. Let neither sickness nor death surprise us in a state unprovided for them, that so we may be prepared to resign ourselves into Thy hands, whenever it shall please Thee to call us hence. Guide us through life, and in all our concerns, by Thy good Spirit, for the sake of our Blessed Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## VI.

**MORNING PRAYER.**

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**O ETERNAL GOD, and MERCIFUL FATHER,** we give Thee humble and hearty thanks, for all the benefits and blessings, which in Thy great mercy Thou hast liberally poured down upon us. We give Thee most unfeigned thanks, for Thy preservation of us, from the time of our birth to this present moment, and for bringing us in health and safety to the beginning of another day, in which and in all the days of our life, we beseech Thee, to preserve us from sin and danger, both in soul and body. Grant that all our thoughts, words, and works, may tend to the honour and glory of Thy holy name, the discharge of our duty, and the salvation of our souls. O let us live to praise Thy glorious name. Pardon, O Father of mercies, all our sins, whether of omission or commission, in thought, word, or deed, let them not cry oftener or louder in Thine ears for vengeance, than our prayers call upon Thee, for mercy and forgiveness. O Lord, against Heaven, and against Thee have we sinned, but we beseech Thee to pardon us, and to give us forthwith, wise, sober, patient, religious, and courageous hearts; fill our souls with devotion to Thee, and give them strength to resist temptations. O blessed Lord, enable us to fulfill Thy commands, do with us as seemeth best in Thy sight, make our services

services acceptable to Thee while we live, and our souls ready for Thee when we die. Bless Thy holy church, O Lord, and those who are called to preach Thy divine word. Bless the king, let Thy name, O God of Jacob, defend him, set his heart firm on Thee, that we and all his subjects may see Thou helpest Thine anointed, and wilt hear him from Thy holy heaven. Have mercy upon these kingdoms, and forgive the sins of Thy people, turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. Comfort all the sons and daughters of affliction by Thy heavenly power, that they may endure every cross for the glory of their Saviour, whose yoke is easy, and whose burthen is light. Support those who suffer in this world for truth and righteousness' sake, and keep us all, O Lord, stedfast in our faith, and firm in our resolves to lead a Christian life. Defend us from all evil, pardon our sins, relieve our necessities, and may we consider that Christ is pleased to reckon all the good we do to his poor servants, as done to himself.

“ O Lord, who hast taught us, that all our doings without charity  
 “ are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our  
 “ hearts, that most excellent gift of charity, the bond of peace,  
 “ and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted  
 “ dead before Thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's  
 “ sake.” Amen.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## VII.

## MORNING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and EVERLASTING GOD, we praise Thee, and give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that of Thy infinite goodness, Thou hast with the sure defence of Thy Providence, protected us from fire, thieves, and every kind of harm, and hast raised us from sleep, which is the image of death, and renewed the day to us; thus allowing us a longer space to repent of our sins, and to prepare for heaven. Withdraw not from us we beseech Thee, the hand of thy protection during this day, but take us under Thy paternal care, and watch over us with the eyes of Thy mercy. Direct us, O Lord, in the way of Thy commandments. Endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may spend the rest of our lives to the praise and glory of Thy holy name, to the benefit of our neighbour, and of ourselves and families, and to the everlasting salvation of our souls. Keep us, good Lord, from all sin: bridle our tongues, that we take not Thy holy name in vain, nor speak lying or deceitful words, or commit any transgressions which may provoke thy wrath against us. And because we are not worthy that Thou shouldest hear us, wretched sinners, we plead before Thee, the merits of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ; for His righteousness' sake, pardon the offences of Thy servants, and in Thy great mercy

mercy grant us those good things to which we have no claim, but which we daily receive from Thy Fatherly bounty. Keep us, we pray Thee, in health and strength, give us food and raiment, and a competence sufficient to maintain us in that state of life, to which it has pleased Thee to call us. Direct our souls and bodies, our words and actions, so that we may not rest our hearts and hopes, upon any thing in this transitory world, and grant that by leading a quiet and a Christian life, we may pass through this state of probation with joy and comfort, till it shall please Thee to remove us hence. Bless all whom Thou hast set over us in church and state, shew the light of Thy truth to those who wander out of the right way; support the poor and the helpless; and comfort the afflicted with a right understanding of Thy wise Providence. Give repentance to sinners, and strengthen with Thy grace those who have begun well, that they may persevere in goodness. To all our kindred and friends, and to our enemies, give Thy good blessing. Pardon the coldness and wanderings of our petitions, and deal with us, not after our deserts, but according to our necessities, and Thy great mercies, through our Divine Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## VIII.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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O GOD, who art the Giver of all good gifts, and the Author of all goodness, we thine unworthy servants, entirely desire to praise Thy holy name, for all the expressions of Thy loving-kindness towards us. Blessed for ever be Thy name, for giving Thy Son to die for our sins; for the covenant of mercy confirmed by His precious blood, for the means of grace instituted by Him here, and the hopes of mercy and glory hereafter through His merits. We bless Thee, that after all our wilful refusals of Thy grace, Thou still hast patience with us, and hast added this day more to those we have too often mis-spent already, that we may renew and perfect our repentance, and finish the work Thou hast set us to do. Pardon, O Lord, all our former sins, and all our abuses of Thy forbearance, for which we are sorry at heart: make us more careful in improving future opportunities, and give us grace to lead more holy lives. Make Thyself always present to our minds, in all those places and companies where we may associate this day. Make us pure in all our thoughts, temperate in all our enjoyments, humble in our opinion of ourselves, charitable in our speeches of others, meek and peaceable under all provocations, sincere and faithful in all our professions, and so just and right in all our dealings,

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that no necessity may force, no opportunity allure us to defraud our neighbour. When Thou bestowest good on others, let us not envy, but rejoice in it; and when Thou addest any comfort to ourselves, let us acknowledge Thy mercy and humbly thank Thee for it. Afford us convenient supplies in all our reasonable necessities, and protect us against the approach of all danger. Make us diligent in our worldly concerns, and give us such success as Thou seest most expedient for us. Teach us contentedly to submit, and not to repine at any thing that happens to us by the allotment of Thy wise Providence. In all our passage through this world, and all our manifold concerns therein, suffer not our hearts to be too much set upon it, but do thou always fix our eyes upon the blessed hope of everlasting life in heaven, that we may make all the things of this world minister to it; and be careful above all things, to fit our souls for that pure and perfect bliss, which Thou hast prepared for them who love Thee, in Thy heavenly kingdom; where that we may all appear, through the mediation of our Blessed Saviour, God of His mercy grant. Amen.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

## IX.

## MORNING PRAYER.

O FATHER of Mercies, to whom those who are guilty must look for pardon, those who are in want must seek for supplies, and those who suffer must come for support; we direct our eyes unto Thee this morning, praying Thee to be about our paths, as Thou hast been about our beds. O Lord, give us that wisdom which is profitable to us, to direct our minds; let not a deceived heart turn us aside, but may we walk by the light of Thy holy word, till Thou shalt call us to enjoy the clearer light of heaven. Whatever trials or snares may befall us, may we meet them as those whom Thy word has quickened to a life of faith and holiness. Strengthen us, O Lord, that we may keep ourselves unspotted from the world; that we may not walk after the flesh but after the Spirit, and that Satan may not gain any advantage over us. Enable us so to manage our temporal affairs as not to be enslaved by them. Grant, O Lord, that all they who are called upon to perform any public duties, may be conscientious in the discharge of them, and moderate in their desires of wealth, not undertaking so much business as to occupy their minds entirely, and unfit them for the duties and employments of religion. Should any difficulties arise this day, or any distress befall us, let us not depend on human wisdom alone; but since Thou permittest us

us to call upon Thy divine power in time of our trouble, let us pray to Thee for help in every affliction. O Lord, let Thy presence go with us: there is no wisdom, like Thy wisdom, no power, like Thy power, and therefore there is no dependance equal to that of making Thee our trust. Thy Providence is our best security against the craftiness and violence of this wicked world. O Lord, be Thou our Protector this day; conducted by Thee, we shall go on safely if not pleasantly. We may not be exempt from trial, but if Thou sanctifiest the trial all will be well; and in the evening, should we have to look back upon a stormy day, we shall have to be thankful, that He was with us whom the winds and the sea obey; and should we have been kept from sin, it will be to us a blessed day. O may we walk humbly with our God, for pride leadeth to a fall; and though confusion of face belongs to us miserable sinners, we are, by our sinful nature, too much inclined to pride. Remind us, O Lord, of what we are in ourselves, that if there be any good thing in our hearts, we may give the glory where it is due, and say, this hath God wrought. We earnestly pray Thee, O Lord, to give us more and more of Thy grace, that we may live more devoted to Thy will, and that we may employ our time and our talents to the praise of Him, who has called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of the Gospel. O may our hearts and voices devoutly join the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

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## X.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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**O** GOD, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy fatherly care of us this last night, and for having brought us safely to the beginning of this day ; let us therefore give thanks to Thee for this and all Thy mercies. We devoutly pray, that we may live in Thy fear, and in charity to our neighbour, beseeching Thee to make us truly sensible of Thy mercies, and thankful for them. O grant that Thy Holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts, teaching us what we ought to do, and what we ought to avoid ; and give us Thy grace and guidance to support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. Grant, O Lord, that we may walk as in Thy sight, making a conscience of our ways ; and fearing to offend Thee, may we never fall into the sins of which we have at any time repented. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to follow the motions of Thy good Spirit, to be serious and holy in our lives, true and just in all our dealings, watchful over all our thoughts, words, and actions, diligent in all our business, and temperate in all things. Do Thou, O Lord, bless all our honest endeavours, and make us content with what Thy good Providence shall order for us, that so we may continue Christ's faithful servants this day and to our lives

lives end. May Thy blessing be upon our labours, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us ; give us grace that we may honestly improve the talents Thou hast committed to our care, and that no worldly pleasures may divert our attention from the thoughts of Thy heavenly kingdom. Make us sensible of all Thy favours, and mindful of the wants of others. May our gracious God give us all that is needful to us in our several situations, and grace not to abuse His favours, and with all give us contented minds. May we commit no wilful sin, or run into any kind of danger ; and may all our doings be ordered by Thy Providence, that we may do always that which is righteous in Thy sight. Grant us in this world knowledge of Thy ways, and in the world to come life everlasting. Hear our humble prayers, O Almighty and merciful God, and enable us to act up to the religious knowledge we have attained, so shall our lives be happy and holy ; and Thy good Spirit will direct and succour us, both here and hereafter, through the mediation of our eternal Saviour, in whose holy name and words we sum up all our wants, and those of all mankind, saying,

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## XI.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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O ETERNAL and UNCHANGEABLE LORD GOD, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever; be pleased to give some stedfastness to us Thy imperfect creatures, who are by nature unsteady, trifling, and vain. Behold with pity and compassion the dangers to which the frailty of our nature is perpetually exposed, from the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil. We adore and bless thee, O God, for all the daily and hourly blessings we receive, in this our state of trial upon earth. O how full is that state of hazard and inquietude. Keep us, gracious Lord, from the temptations that would betray us into sin. Let no terrors or flatteries, either of the world or our own hearts, draw us from our obedience to Thee, but grant that we may be stedfast and immovable, always abounding in the grace of Thy Divine Spirit, so as to obey Thy heavenly will. Grant that we may feel our dependance upon Thy blessing, for the success of our endeavours, in the discharge of our lawful duties. Let us consider, that wherever we are, and whatever we do, the eye of God is upon us. From Thy high and holy habitation, Thou seest all our ways, and knowest the thoughts of our hearts. Thou art every where present, and the very hairs of our head are all numbered. O may the conviction of

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Thy awful presence dwell upon our minds at all times, and in all places; that we may devoutly fear Thee, truly love Thee, and entirely trust in Thee, our Heavenly Father, Creator, Preserver, and Blessed Redeemer. In our passage through this world, may we follow the holy instructions of the Scriptures; may our duty to God, and our duty to our neighbour, be our most earnest pursuit. O Almighty Giver of all good things, may we be temperate and discreet in the use of the many blessings Thou hast conferred upon us, remembering that we must give an account of the use we make of what is intrusted to our care, either by Thy immediate bounty, or by the hands of those whom Thou hast appointed to rule over us. O give us the riches of Thy grace, which is better than thousands of gold and silver. Be thou our help in trouble, for vain is the help of man. Vouchsafe us, O Lord, the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be continually disposed to obey Thy will, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; that we may live soberly and virtuously in this world, and that our souls may be prepared for the company of saints and angels in Thy heavenly kingdom. Give to us, and to all Thy people, that unity of spirit in all Christian charity, that we may be one fold under one Shepherd, even our Lord and blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ, in whose words we are instructed to pray in behalf of ourselves, and all mankind, saying,

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## XII.

## MORNING PRAYER.

“ **L**ORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the church “ in continual godliness, that through Thy protection it may be “ free from adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good “ works, to the glory of Thy name.” O our Heavenly Father, look down in mercy and pity upon Thy servants, who, without the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, cannot do any good work. O Lord, at our baptism we entered into the household of Thy church, grant that we may ever bear in mind that Thy grace is sufficient for us, if we do not willingly follow the temptations and allurements of sin, and stifle the motions of Thy good Spirit. O let us carefully cherish every good thought that tends to the glory of Thy name; and in the performance of the various duties and employments of this day, let us never lose sight of the sacred rules of the blessed Gospel. Every state and situation of life, thanks to Thy Fatherly goodness, is guided and governed by Thy Providence; every sinner, instructed by Thy precepts, may obtain pardon; and the meanest and poorest Christian is capable of offering Thee acceptable service; for Thou, O God, lookest to the heart, and hast commanded us all to serve Thee in spirit and in truth. Let us not be deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap; therefore, while we have time, let us do good unto

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all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith ; who are brethren in the Lord. May they be devoutly resolved to love and serve God, with all their heart, and with all their mind, to worship Him truly, and to honour His holy name and His word. O gracious God, enable us to seek fellowship with such as fear Thee, and to pursue our road through this world, in the sure path which leads to peace and joy eternally in heaven, where we shall be free from all adversity for ever. O Almighty Lord, for the sake of Thy dear Son, hear our prayers, that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment ; that we may approve the things that are excellent ; that we may be sincere, and without offence, till the day of Christ. Grant that we may consider the intention of all our actions, and carefully search our own hearts, lest we give way to the ever-present evil of our own minds, and follow corrupt imaginations, false principles, or wicked insinuations. Whatever may occur to us this day, O may we never forsake the God of our salvation, who, moved with wonderful compassion, came down from heaven, to redeem us from the wrath to come, to teach repentance to sinners, and by his miraculous works of mercy, and demonstration of Almighty power, to call them to obedience : who has also left his Gospel, to direct the children of men, to dispel the clouds of darkness, and to shield them from the attacks of Satan. Evermore, Almighty God, defend us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*



MORNING

**XIII.****MORNING PRAYER.**

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**ALMIGHTY** and **ETERNAL GOD**, whose hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and who givest spirit and breath unto all creatures; **O Lord**, full of compassion, slow to anger, good to all, Thy loving-kindness is over all Thy works, and most particularly shewn towards the children of men; hear us, **O God** of our salvation, though we are unworthy of the least of the mercies we enjoy. With fear we come into Thy presence, knowing the wickedness of our own hearts, and that we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and omitted the good things it is our duty continually to perform; but Thou hast sent Thy Son Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners, and for His sake hast promised to give us all things that be needful for our salvation. Our blessed Lord taught and commanded us to pray, therefore we presume to offer up our prayers and praises at this time, for all the mercies we hope for, and for all the benefits we have received from Thee. We humbly call upon Thee to bestow upon us whatever may be needful for our souls and bodies. Give us this day our daily bread; let Thy bounty, which filleth all things living with plenteousness, supply our wants and necessities; and teach us to live as those who must give an account of every talent they receive. May we so perform Thy heavenly

heavenly will, that when this world passeth away, we may abide for ever, and in the number of Thy faithful servants enter into the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom. O Lord, let Thy good Providence rule over us this day, and let no temptation befall us but what Thou wilt enable us to bear. Let Thy laws, which are holy, just, and good, be our counsellors and our guide; do Thou make all our ways righteous in Thy sight, and prosper the works of our hands. Let every one who nameth the name of Christ depart from his iniquities. Purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may worthily magnify Thy holy name, and be a people zealous of good works, to Thy honour and glory. Let our ways be Thy ways, let our will be according to Thy will, that whatever we do, we may do as Thy servants, studying to perform our Christian duty. Grant us, O Heavenly Father, true repentance for all our sins, and pardon them for Christ's sake; bless us and all Thou hast given us. Let Thy good Spirit guide the hearts and lives of all our relations and friends, for whose well doing we unite our prayers; because "such as are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God." O be merciful to us, and save us, in the day of Thy appearing to judge the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ, who suffered for the sins of all mankind. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, O Christ hear us, Lord have mercy upon us.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

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## XIV.

## MORNING PRAYER.

**O ALMIGHTY GOD,** who dwellest in light to which no mortal eye can approach, and in whose sight every creature is manifest at all times, and in all places ; **O Lord,** give ear to our prayers, and hide not Thyself from our supplications. Hear us, **O God,** who worship and kneel before Thee, our Maker, to offer up our humble thanksgivings for Thy care and protection this last night. Thou keepest mercy for thousands, and forgivest iniquity, transgression, and sin ; Thou art gracious and slow to anger, of great kindness, and never forsakes those that seek Thee. Thou deliverest the needy when he crieth, the poor also, and him that hath no helper. Thou hast been our God ever since we were born ; O let us never forsake Thee, or Thy holy word, to follow the vain fancies of our deceitful hearts. **O Lord,** open our lips, that our mouth may shew forth Thy praise, for all Thy mercies continued to us this day. Defend us by Thy Almighty power, secure us from danger, or succour us in the time of temptation or distress. Let Thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, make our thoughts innocent, our words blameless and edifying, our actions free from sin, and such as may afford us comfort at the hour of death, and in the day of judgment. Be with us, **O our heavenly Protector,** in all our undertakings, that no unworthy pursuit may employ our time, which is of uncertain

uncertain duration ; for all our days are numbered, though we know not the date or the manner of our death. We are evil doers by nature, and the children of wrath, our imaginations vain, our hearts desperately wicked, and our wills in bondage to corruption. O God of all mercy and truth, help us to devote ourselves entirely to Thee, that we may pursue our worldly employments with such views, and in such ways, as may advance our state of preparation for futurity. O Lord, plant Thy love and fear in all our hearts, shew mercy to this nation, and pardon the sins of Thy people. Suffer not Thy displeasure to arise against the sheep of Thy pasture, make our divisions cease, and teach us to follow peace with all men. Bless Thy anointed servant, and bring to naught the malice of the wicked. Bless all the ministers of justice, give them a zeal for Thy glory, and make them a terror to evil doers, and encouragers of them who do well. Bless the ministers of Thy church, give them boldness to rebuke vice, and inspire them with piety and wisdom, answerable to the necessities of the present age, and their high calling. Give Thy blessing to all who hear Thy holy word, that they may have courage to follow its sacred commands in this perverse generation, and, O Lord, keep us in Thy faith and fear, through the mediation of our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## XV.

## MORNING PRAYER.

WE adore Thee, O Lord of life and glory, who art from everlasting to everlasting, and changest not. We praise Thee, and humbly beseech Thee to look graciously upon us, whose hope is only in Thy infinite mercy. Our life is thus far prolonged, and we have been preserved from evil accidents this night. Let us then, with every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord. The highest angels can desire no greater bliss than to stand continually in Thy presence, admiring Thy wondrous works, evermore praising, loving, and obeying Thee. Such happiness is above our ideas, while we dwell in these frail bodies ; but even to this Thy blessed Son encourages us to aspire in a better world. O Lord of hope and mercy, let Thy Spirit dwell in our hearts, and cheer us with the light of Thy countenance ; for wheresoever Thou art, there is peace and satisfaction, joy and gladness, and bliss unspeakable. Thou hast engaged us by innumerable mercies, to serve Thee, and to appeal continually to Thee in prayer. Thou knowest our wants, and the secret desires of our souls ; O may we confide in Thee for a needful supply of mercy, whether it be shewn us by granting, or by denying what we want or ask. We acknowledge that we depend entirely upon Thee, and Thy power and wisdom is conspicuous every where. Thou, O Lord,

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art bountiful to all, and we ourselves have received distinguished marks of Thy grace and favour, in times of affliction and distress, which are still felt in our hearts, and treasured in our minds. We remember likewise what an abundance of good things Thou hast from time to time bestowed upon us, and confess our shameful ingratitude to Thee, who art the Giver of all our happiness. We will endeavour, O Lord, henceforth to preserve in our minds, a grateful sense of Thy wonderful love towards us, and to follow the doctrine and example of Thy Son Jesus Christ, as becomes those who have the blessed hope of so great salvation, at the day of his coming in glory. May these views be fixed in our minds, amidst all the pursuits and duties of this life, and may the blessed Gospel be the rule of our conduct to all our fellow creatures. We desire the good of all mankind as well as our own, and that all may walk worthy of the Gospel, and live together in godly unity and brotherly love, doing their duty to Thee, O Lord, and to each other so faithfully, that we may be enabled to rejoice together at the great day of our Lord Christ, in whose words we pray Thee to hear us.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

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## XVI.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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**H**EAR our prayers, O Lord, and let them ascend to Thy heavenly throne, O Thou merciful Preserver of mankind. Have pity upon us, as a father pitieth his children. Teach our souls to praise Thee, and teach us and all Thy people to speak good of Thy holy name. O what can we render to Thee our God for all the benefits Thou hast done unto us? for giving Thy Son to die for us, and to shed His blood for the remission of our sins; for making Thy ways known to us, and Thy saving health to this nation? We bless Thee for all the methods of Thy goodness to lead us to repentance, and for Thy mercy in sometimes correcting us for the amendment of our lives; thus recalling our minds from the deceitful pleasures of undisturbed health and worldly prosperity. O let Thy holy Gospel be powerful to the salvation of our souls, let Thy testimonies be our delight, and let us not swerve from Thy commandments. Let Thy good Spirit attend us, that we may do Thy holy will on earth, O Lord our Strength and our Redeemer. Thy good Providence has guarded us while we slept this night; O protect us in safety this day, give us food and raiment, health and content, and that peace of mind which no human power can bestow, but is the sole gift of Thy Divine grace. We praise Thee for Thy goodness to all mankind, and

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more especially we praise Thee, and magnify Thy holy name, O Almighty and everlasting God, that Thou hast been so good to each of us in particular. We have often sinned against Thee ; our faults are more than we can remember or express, and are as the sands of the sea in multitude. But, O Lord, let not these sins or infirmities provoke Thee to wrath and indignation against us. Let not our omissions of duty make our prayers an abomination in Thy sight. Let not our frequent abuse of Thy patience, or our waste of that time which is allotted us to prepare ourselves for heaven, make Thee turn thine ear from our prayers. Thy mercy gives us time, and daily calls upon us to repent and be forgiven. O teach us to live this day, as if it were our last : direct us in all our ways, and grant, most merciful Father, that Thy good Spirit may guide our choice in every work we undertake, that we may do nothing contrary to our baptismal vows ; but in every thing humbly and earnestly endeavour to follow our blessed Master Jesus Christ, who is alone the way, and the truth, and the life ; and through whom only we can do any good for ourselves or others. O Lord, pardon and pity us, bless us, and all who are near and dear to us, for thy dear Son's sake, our ever-living Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

## XVII.

## MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, whose mercy is over all Thy works, we Thy feeble creatures, in a thankful sense of Thy providence over us, render Thee our humblest praises for Thy watchful protection of us this last night. Blessed be Thy fatherly goodness for the continual preservation of Thy hand, by which we have been so frequently defended from the changes and chances of this mortal life, and delivered from innumerable dangers and accidents to which humanity is exposed. For these and all Thy mercies, we bless and magnify Thy glorious name ; and since another opportunity is given us to offer up our prayers, and devote ourselves this day to Thy service, we earnestly pray Thee, by the inspiration of Thy good Spirit, to enable us to dedicate our souls and bodies to promote Thy glory and our own salvation, by a sober, righteous, and godly life. We heartily renounce the devil and all his works, the vanities and follies of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh ; desiring nothing so much as to serve Thee faithfully all the days of our lives. We sincerely resolve, so to improve the time which Thou shalt be pleased to grant us in this world, that we may every day become better Christians, and perform our several duties more and more perfectly. Whether we be masters or servants, parents or children, husbands or wives, high or low,  
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rich or poor, may we all make a conscience of our ways, and walk humbly with our God, and in peace and charity with all the world. O Lord God, in these resolutions confirm and strengthen us, and keep us stedfastly in the purpose of our hearts to perform them, that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace. But Thou, Lord, knowest the weakness of our corrupted nature, and the many temptations we daily meet with, we therefore humbly request Thee to give us the constant assistance of Thy grace and Holy Spirit, that we may refrain from sin, and be excited to our duty: and lest we should give way to any temptation, O suffer us not to be tempted above what we are able to bear, but stretch out Thy helping hand to save us. Imprint on our minds a dread of Thy judgments, and such a grateful remembrance of Thy goodness, that we may be afraid and ashamed to offend Thee. Above all, remind us that we must eternally be rewarded or punished by Him whom Thou hast appointed Judge of quick and dead; even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words we further address Thy Fatherly goodness, saying,

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

**XVIII.****MORNING PRAYER.**  
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O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's name; in mercy incline Thine ear to us, who, in confidence of His merits alone, prostrate ourselves before Thee to confess our sins, and to implore Thy pardon. We thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness towards us, in raising us up this morning after refreshing sleep, and bringing us once more with renewed spirits into Thy presence. O Lord, open our lips, that we may praise Thee, and thank Thee, O Father of mercies, Lord of heaven and earth, for Thy great goodness to us and to all men. We bless Thee, that to us Thy Gospel is preached, and that Thou hast sent among us Thy light and Thy truth to guide our paths. How many sit in darkness and have no knowledge of Thy ways: how great a part of the world is as yet unenlightened by the heavenly Gospel. Blessed be Thy name for prolonging our days for repentance, and for Thy continual goodness towards us. O let Thy mercies turn to account, and let not the least of Thy numerous benefits be lost upon us; but do Thou sanctify us throughout, that our souls may praise Thee, and that we may tell of Thy salvation from day to day. But, O Lord, we cannot stand in Thy sight, if Thou shouldest mark what we have done amiss. O Lord, deal not with us according to

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our sins, but spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood. And because our best thoughts and works are from Thee, and without Thee we can do nothing that is good, we pray Thee to pour into our hearts the Spirit of Thy grace, that we may delight in that which is good, and keep Thy holy statutes to the end of our days. Let all our employments be useful, or at least innocent. Let our discourse be such as will edify or comfort our hearts, remembering that for every wicked or idle word we must give an account at the day of judgment. Let all our actions be lawful and right, and well meant; and fully purposing that they may be so, we pray that Thou wilt prosper our undertakings according to Thy divine wisdom. Pardon the imperfections of our best endeavours to serve Thee. O Lord, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Spare and pardon us, good Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

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## XIX.

## MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, who keepest mercy for thousands, and pardonest iniquity, transgression, and sin ; who retainest not Thine anger for ever, because Thou delightest in mercy : How excellent is Thy name in all the world ! Thy loving-kindness is from everlasting to everlasting, therefore do the sons of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings. O Lord our God, look down upon us in mercy, but look not on the sins of our hearts or our lives, which are more than we can remember, and greater than we can express ; such as even make us vile in our own eyes. But, O Lord, behold us in pity, and through the merits of Thy Son our Saviour and Mediator, in whom was no sin, and by whom we are encouraged to come into Thy presence, to ask pardon for our offences, and grace to assist our endeavours towards an amendment of our lives ; that we may be more fit to be partakers of the inheritance of Thy saints in light. Teach us, O Lord, so to live in this world as Thy servants, ever ready to give in their account ; and so enjoying the good things Thou hast given us, as not to lose Thy love, which is better than life itself. O may we sanctify Thy gifts by a right employment and improvement of them, to Thy glory. Whatever Thou deniest,

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or takest from us, may we by our resignation adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all humility. Help us, gracious Lord, in the whole of our duty to Thee our God, and in all the duties we owe to man, whether our superiors, equals, or inferiors. Give us grace that we may obey Thy holy precepts in all things, and not give just offence to any one, but as much as in us lies, may be useful and beneficial to all our fellow-creatures. Grant that we may so pass our time here, that Thy holy name may have the praise, and that our souls may enjoy comfort in the hour of death, and in the day of our Lord, when he shall come to judge the world in righteousness. Thou hast renewed to us our lives this morning, and continued to us all our daily blessings; assist us to renew also our good resolutions; restrain us from the evils and follies into which we are prone to fall, and quicken us to the offices and duties which we are averse to perform; that we may regulate our lives and our wills by Thy sacred ordinances, and act as becomes Thy faithful servants, through our heavenly Master, Preserver, and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

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## XX.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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O GOD, who declarest Thy Almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity, receive the prayers of Thy humble servants, and accept of our most grateful endeavours to praise Thee for Thy watchful care of us this last night. Thy never-failing Providence orders all things in heaven and in earth, and we Thy unworthy creatures, after refreshing sleep, awake to behold Thy power and goodness shining forth in all Thy mighty acts of continued mercy. We implore Thy blessing and protection during this day; mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities protect us by Thy good Spirit from all things hurtful, and incline our hearts to serve Thee devoutly in every worldly undertaking. Thou, O God, by Thy blessed Son hast set us an example of active benevolence, and to every state of our life Thou hast allotted duties peculiar to our talents and situations. O may we each fulfil our appointed task, knowing that we cannot deceive Thy all-seeing eye, for even the thoughts of our hearts are known to Thee. Thou art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways. Whatever be our station, or our appointed employment, whether our power of serving our God or our neighbour be great or small, we must never forget that it behoves us to take heed to all our ways. No

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one is too high, or too low, to be unheeded by our Heavenly Father, whose judgments are in all the earth, and in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday. Every idle word is known; and blessed be God, every good thought also, is registered in the book of life. We must therefore fear and tremble at our own unworthiness; but we may rejoice and hope in the wonderful promises of mercy to all who truly repent of their former sins, who stedfastly purpose to lead a new life, and have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death, which made atonement for the sins of the whole world. To this faith may we add our earnest endeavours to live as becomes those whom the Lord hath visited and redeemed with His most precious blood. O Heavenly Father, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works. Bless this family, merciful Lord; cleanse us from our sins, and grant us pardon and peace, that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

## XXI.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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O God, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things in heaven and in earth, we offer up our first thoughts towards Thy mercy-seat, in thankful praises for Thy fatherly care of us during the night. Keep us this day from all things hurtful to us, from the allurements of whatever may pollute our minds, to the injury of our Christian faith; and from such accidents and misfortunes as may hurt our bodies and distract our thoughts. O Lord God, may we walk circumspectly, not as fools, who neglect the interest of their immortal souls, but as the wise who understand what the will of their Lord is, and prudently resolve to perform it by all means in their power. O merciful Father, grant that we may approve things that are excellent, and that we may be sincere and without offence towards Thee and towards men, and that we may set our affections on things above, and not on things on earth. Give us, O Lord, that true wisdom which assures us we shall never do amiss, if we remember the end of whatever we take in hand. We know the advantage of serious reflection in every worldly concern, and shall we, O Lord, put time in competition with eternity! this fleeting moment, passing as we name it! this uncertain little span of life, ending we know not when or how! Shall we live as the brutes that perish? and even

even close our eyes to the living examples which Supreme Wisdom sets before us in every work of his Almighty power. O Lord, let us consider our ways before it be too late to redeem the time we have lost ; the little day of life soon wears away, the night of death cometh, when we can no longer work out our salvation, but must rise in the state of mind in which we died, and appear at the judgment-seat of Christ, to give an account of our actions, and to be tried by the laws of his Gospel. O let us study these easy, merciful commands, and adapt them to every situation of life : we are all called to salvation, all are the children of grace, if they will repent and turn to God. The prodigal son and the penitent thief are named for the encouragement of humble sinners who cease to do evil ; and to prove to the most unlearned mind that God looketh to the heart, and will accept the sincere penitence of a sinner, who through faith in Christ Jesus does truly and earnestly repent of his former sins, and stedfastly purpose to lead a new life. May each of us, in our respective conditions, ever keep in view the future account we must one day give, and so rule our passions, our property, and our time, that we may be able to say, " I sought the Lord and he heard me, yea he delivered me out of all my fear." Therefore it is meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## XXII.

## MORNING PRAYER.

Most merciful Lord God, the gracious Author of our being, and the Source of all that renders it happy, we still live in the enjoyment of the numerous blessings which Thou hast bestowed on us, and we praise Thee, O God, for Thy great goodness towards this family, who here assemble themselves to unite their thanksgivings for Thy past favours, and to request Thy care and protection during this day. Make us, O Lord, watchful over our own hearts, for out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts, which, if not checked by every effort of prayer to the Almighty for his Holy Spirit to assist our weak endeavours, too soon, alas! would increase. O Lord God, guide our thoughts for who can tell how oft he offendeth, or how far our great enemy may prevail to draw us from every duty to God and man. O Heavenly Father, suffer us not to forget Thy great compassion in sending Thy dear Son into the world, to deliver us from that state of condemnation into which we were fallen. O make us circumspect in all our conduct, and upright in all our intentions. Give us grace to improve our time, and every talent which Thou hast committed to our care. Leave us not nor forsake us, O Lord, Thou God of truth; for it is not the knowledge of our duty that will secure the practice of it. Through  
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the depravity of our hearts, we are capable of disregarding every precept Thou hast enforced, every example Thou hast placed before our eyes, and every mercy Thou hast bestowed upon us. O gracious God, hold Thou us up, that our footsteps slip not. Thou hast promised to give Thy blessing and Thy Holy Spirit to them who ask Thee, O bestow Thy blessing upon us who now ask, and be present with us every moment of the day. Let no gifts, or talents, or worldly gratifications, make us forget that we are in Thy sight. Blessed be Thy name for the comforts we severally enjoy. To Thee we are indebted for health and safety, and every advantage we possess. If death come not into this house, if evil tidings be not brought us, if disease be kept away or removed from us, it is wholly owing to Thy Fatherly care. O may each member of this family recollect their own personal mercies, and in their hearts bless Thee. Let Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us: that we being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## XXIII.

## MORNING PRAYER.

EVERY day, O Lord, will we give thanks unto Thee, and praise Thy name for ever and ever. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages: there is no end of Thy greatness. O then, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever. Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or shew forth all His praise? We have sinned with our fathers, we have done amiss and dealt wickedly, but Thy word is a light to our paths, Thy blessed Gospel is our sure guide through life, Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ the sure Rock of our salvation in the life to come. And now, O Lord God, let us go on our way rejoicing. We bless Thee for Thy preservation of us during the perils of the last night: since we know that many have been kept awake by the sundry dangers and disasters of this mortal state. We have laid down and slept, and again we meet in our usual health, to resume our daily round of duties. O Lord God, the way of the wicked is as darkness, but the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers, but the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil. O Heavenly Father, preserve us in Thy mercy from the evil

evil of our own hearts, and from the counsel of the ungodly, for Thou hast never failed them that seek Thee. Help cometh from God, who preserveth them that are true of heart. O do Thou purify our thoughts, that we may shew the work of the law written in our hearts ; for not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. O Lord God, without Thee we can do nothing that is good ; for if Thy presence go not with us, there will be no rest to our souls : in prosperity the destroyer may come upon us, and death sooner or later will part us from all we hold dear on earth. Thou, O Lord, wilt judge whether we have walked innocently, and have put our trust in the Lord our God. There is not a word in our tongue, but Thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether. We acknowledge our transgressions. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit ; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise : for to the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, yea unto such as call upon Him faithfully, and will save such as be of an humble spirit, through the merits of our only Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

**XXIV.****MORNING PRAYER.**

ACCEP<sup>T</sup>, O Heavenly Father, our grateful thanks for all Thy mercies bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, our ever-living Mediator. We are daily more and more indebted to Thee for fresh marks of Thy Fatherly bounty and the wonderful displays of Thy Divine power. We have slept in safety, and we are again before Thee to join in praises for the personal blessings Thou hast granted to each and all of us, and to pray to Thee, O Thou Giver of all good, for the continuance of thy mercy towards us. O pardon our feeble efforts to set forth thy praise, and our weak endeavours to serve Thee. We are sinful mortals, earthly minded, made of the dust, and shortly must return to the earth from whence we were taken. Thou art our God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and One God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. Remember not our offences; but pardon us, O Lord, whom Thou hast redeemed by a full and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of all mankind; for to the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses though we have rebelled against Him, neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he hath set before us. O let us turn from all evil, for Christ came into the world

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to save sinners, and willeth that all should repent and be forgiven. We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant, that we may all perceive and know what things we ought to do, and that we may have grace and power faithfully to perform our respective duties. Parents and children, masters and servants, have equally the guide of the Holy Gospel, by which they may learn so to live as to please their God; and whether we attend or not to the precepts of our heavenly Teacher Jesus Christ, we must all be tried by the laws of the Gospel, in the presence of the Lord of the whole earth, when He shall judge every man according to his works. Then they that have done good shall go to the resurrection of eternal happiness, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation. O Lord God, may this awful truth vibrate in our ears, and be noted in our hearts, to excite us to every thing that is right and praise-worthy, and to deter us forcibly from all that is blameable and wrong. With humble confidence in the Rock of our Salvation, and with firm intentions to do our duty towards God, and towards our neighbour, we conclude our prayers, and sum up all our wants in the words which Christ himself has taught us.

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

## XXV.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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O MOST HOLY LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, before whom all knees do bend, and to whom all creatures in heaven and in earth do bow; we prostrate ourselves before Thee this morning, in obedience to our blessed Lord, who commanded us to pray after such manner, as He in pity to our infirmities was pleased to dictate. Mercifully accept our prayers, which we offer up with all the powers of our soul to Thy infinite goodness, submitting ourselves, with all lowliness and reverence, to the greatness of Thy dominion and power; for Thou only art Holy, Thou only art the Lord, therefore Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Thou, Lord, hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all that are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we may so lament and acknowledge our sins, that we may obtain of Thee perfect remission and forgiveness, for Jesus Christ's sake. We pray Thee, O Lord, to bless this our morning offering, the first fruits of our invigorated spirits, the first earnest thoughts of the day, before the cares and anxieties, the busy employments, or the changes and chances of this mortal life, call off our attention from the thoughts of eternity. How easily, alas! do we forget our best resolutions, how soon do we give way to every

every worldly solicitation, and seem wholly absorbed in our daily employments, as if we had this life for ever, and could rule and direct events at our own will. O Lord God, how weak are our powers! how short and uncertain our longest period of existence! O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us we pray Thee, both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended in all adversities which happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. Give us convenient supplies in all our reasonable necessities, that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind, in whatever situation of life we are placed. If we have this world's goods, let us remember that we must be ready to give, and glad to distribute, that we must be merciful after our power. If we have little, that we must be diligent to do good, according to our means; for whosoever shall give even a cup of cold water, in the name of Christ, shall not lose his reward. Thus encouraged by Thy gracious promises, grant unto Thy people that they may love that which Thou commandest, and that among the sundry changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c. &c.*

MORNING

## XXVI.

## MORNING PRAYER.

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ETERNAL, and most gracious God, we Thy sinful creatures, humble ourselves before Thee, being truly sensible of our own unworthiness, by reason of very many offences committed against Thee, in thought, word, and deed. But we are still the objects of Thy mercy. Thou hast kept us under Thy protection the last night. O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake still continue to protect us, forgive our innumerable sins and follies, which we with sorrow confess unto Thee ; and pardon, we beseech Thee, our manifold neglects and careless performance of our duties. We know, O Lord, that our most secret sins are known to Thee ; and that Thou seest the thoughts of our hearts, and all our intentions, in every action and employment of the day. Our wilful transgressions, and imperfect performance of our religious and our moral obligations are noted in Thy book. Our evil dispositions, of what nature or kind soever, do not escape Thy notice ; though hardly regarded by ourselves, or passed over as trifling failings, too small to alarm our consciences. O Lord, we tremble if we reflect on the errors of our lives ; and if we do not reflect, alas ! what may be our fatal lot hereafter. Make us therefore deeply sensible of the danger of our ways in sin, which is sure to gain ground if we do not most earnestly endeavour

endeavour to root out every irregular inclination, as soon as it is formed in our hearts. For this end, it is most needful that we should perpetually implore Thy divine goodness, to inspire us with the aid and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, so that we may daily improve in virtue and piety. Enable us so to live, that we may fully answer the purpose of our creation, and suffer not the love of any temporal good things, too much to possess our minds; but let every earthly blessing which Thy bounty grants for our comfort and support, raise our ideas to such heavenly enjoyments, as are pure and holy, unmixed with the doubts and cares, and anxieties of terrestrial happiness. Make us all satisfied with the justice and reasonableness of every dispensation of Thy providence; and grant that we may all, from the highest to the lowest, obey Thy commands, fear Thy displeasure, and trust in Thy promises through Christ our Lord. Enable us to be more watchful over the corruptions of our nature, and enlighten our dark minds, that we may not be ignorant of our duty to Thee our God, and to our fellow creatures. For Thy great goodness' sake, O Lord, extend Thy mercy to us in the full pardon of our transgressions, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. &c.

MORNING

XXVII.

MORNING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast of Thy goodness defended us from the perils of the night, and safely brought us to the beginning of this day, vouchsafe to preserve us, we humbly beseech Thee, and to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our souls and bodies, in the way of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy gracious protection we may be kept from all evil, this day and for ever. Possess our minds continually with Thy presence; lead us forth in Thy truth, and teach us to do such things as are pleasing to Thee and profitable for our souls; for Thou art the God of our salvation, and in Thee shall be our hope all the day long. O let us not trust to the deceitfulness of our own hearts, nor the impulses of our inclinations, nor to the doubtful advice of erring mortals, in any case where Thy Holy Gospel clearly sets forth our duty; which we should perform with an honest heart, and not evade thy plain commands, as we often do, to indulge ourselves in the pursuit of fancied gratifications. O Lord God, in our hearts we know and must confess to Thee, that our real pleasures and lasting satisfaction is only in the recollection of whatever we can have done, which we may hope is in any way pleasing in Thy sight, who knowing the extent of our abilities every way, wilt look with

with compassion and eternal goodness upon Thy creatures, for the Lord is loving unto every man, and His mercy is over all His works. We pray Thee, O Lord, to increase in us Thy gifts of grace, that we may be preserved in Thy faith, fear, and love ; and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit to Thy glory, before the face of all people in this perverse generation. In all our conversation and dealings with each other, may we be affable, sincere, and just, and, as much as is in our power, live in peace and good will among all sorts and conditions of men ; so that we may induce our associates also to be inoffensive, seeing that our circumspection and moderation worketh charity, doth not behave unseemly, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth. Keep Thy servants, O Lord, from all presumptuous sins, that even the wicked may be convinced that Thy law is an undefiled law, converting the soul. O merciful Father, pardon all our transgressions, that we may be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Establish our faith, fix our good resolutions, guide our thoughts, and guard us, and all our relations and friends, from all evils of mind and body, for Jesus Christ's sake, our most merciful Deliverer, and never failing Intercessor. Amen.

Our Father, &c. &c.

MORNING

XXVIII.

MORNING PRAYER.

ETERNAL and EVER BLESSED GOD, by whom all things were made, and by whom they are upheld, mercifully look down from the throne of thy glory, upon the poor unworthy creatures who kneel before Thee in grateful adoration and praise, for Thy gracious preservation of us another night. Blessed be Thy name for giving us a Mediator, through whom we may approach Thee and obtain mercy. Blessed be Thy name, for the promise of Thy Holy Spirit to purify our hearts. Be mercifully pleased, O Lord, to be with all of us this day in our several situations, keeping us from evils and dangers of every kind. Let us remember, in the use and enjoyment of our bodily comforts, that we are weak and sinful creatures, and that whatever renders life comfortable, we owe to Thy divine grace. O Lord, we have not words that will express our obligations to Thee, but we ought to acknowledge Thy perfections, and take pleasure in ascribing all power, wisdom, holiness, and goodness to our Almighty Creator and Heavenly Father. We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, to give Thy blessing to all our labours, and grant that all our employments and pursuits, may be such as will not disgrace our baptismal vows. Let not our hearts be too much taken up by those things in which our hands must be employed this day. Teach us, O Lord,

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the blessed art of following worldly employments with a heavenly mind. If we are in prosperity, may we be thankful, and moderate in our enjoyments; if we are in adversity, grant, O Lord, that we may be patient and submissive. If reproached, may we be meek; if poor, contented. Whatever evils befall us, may we look to God as our support and refuge; may the language of our hearts be always "Lord, what wouldest Thou have me to do?" Deliver us all from pride, obstinacy, and prejudice; give us to see what true Christianity is, and open the eyes of all who call themselves Christians, and yet consider not the end for which Christ came into the world. O that we, and all the inhabitants of these kingdoms, may set a due value on the truths of the glorious Gospel; and may Thy Holy Spirit shed into our hearts an unfeigned love for Christ, that we may live for Him who lived and died for us. Be gracious, O Father of mercies, to all sufferers, may their sorrows bring their sins to remembrance, and turn all those who are going forward in the broad road that leadeth to destruction. O Lord, strengthen us in Thy faith and fear; uphold us this day with the right hand of Thy righteousness, that we may be kept from sinning against Thee, through the continued grace and mediation of Jesus Christ, who has taught us when we pray to say,

Our Father, &c. &c.

XXIX.**MORNING PRAYER.**

ALMIGHTY and EVERLASTING GOD, who dost govern all things in heaven and in earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people when they devoutly call upon Thee, granting us such things as are suitable to us, and checking, by Thy grace, such demands and wishes as in Thy supreme goodness Thou knowest to be hurtful to our souls. In all things let us be contented with our limited gifts; and being thoroughly convinced that we cannot command the sun to shine or the rain to fall, so let us feel sensible of the vast power of our God, and of our entire dependance on His holy will. Almighty Father, Thy tender mercies ought to soften and humble our minds. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men. Thou, Lord, hast given different gifts, according to Thy grace, to each of us; let us wait upon Thee as Thou hast severally appointed for us, not murmuring, or interfering with the duties of others, but approving Thy blessed will in the distribution of our talents and stations in this transitory life. Let us all be kindly affectioned one towards another with brotherly love, and do Thy will with cheerfulness, whether we are placed as rulers or dependents, rich or poor, wise or ignorant. The Lord careth

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for us all, and will reward every man according to his work. O Lord God, pity and pardon our numberless sins and transgressions, root out pride and self will from our hearts, that every one of us may think no more highly of himself than he ought to think; but think soberly, according as God hath given severally to us all; for as we have many members in our natural body, and all our members have not the same office, so are we separate members in society, with different worldly duties. But, blessed be God, we are all, through faith, members of one body in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O merciful Father, that none of us in this Christian land, may be slothful servants, who know the will of our Heavenly Master, but neglect the duty He has set us to perform: for to obey is better than sacrifice. Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. Thy commands are easy, Thy burthens are light. O leave us not, neither forsake us, Thou God of our salvation; but assist us to go through this day by Thy sacred rules, which are given to all sorts and conditions of men. We pray Thee to enable us to govern our tempers and our actions, should the transactions of the day awaken any of the corrupt feelings of our hearts. And should any event arise to agitate or distress us, let us look up with humility to thy mighty power and wisdom, for strength of mind to direct our exertions in the best manner, and to fortify us with pious resignation, that we may submit contentedly to Thy dispensations through faith in the promises and atonement of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. &c.

MORNING

XXX.

MORNING PRAYER.

REJOICE in the Lord always, and give thanks with joyful hearts for the continual mercies day by day conferred upon us unworthy beings. We have slept securely in comfort; the Lord hath sustained us; and we resume our daily course of life with invigorated health and spirits. The Lord hath dealt graciously with His servants; let it be our most fervent resolution, and most satisfactory employment to promote, by all means in our power, the glory of God and the good of mankind. Let the fixed law of our minds be to fear God and honour the King, to render unto all their dues, and to keep our tongues from evil-speaking, lying, and slandering; for blessed are the peace-makers, and blessed is the man who hath not walked in the council of the ungodly. O Lord, the mercies of every hour call for our most grateful acknowledgments; how many accidents have we escaped which have been fatal to numbers around us. From the earliest dawn of recollection many of us can look back to scenes of happiness and blessings which God Almighty has bestowed on us, with which others have not been indulged. We will therefore rejoice in the Lord, and praise Him according to His excellent greatness; for the Lord hath pleasure in the prosperity of His people, and helpeth the meek-hearted. O ye kings of the earth, and all people, princes and all judges of the world, young men and

and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord, for His name only is excellent, and His praise above heaven and earth. O Lord, let Thy ways be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations ; for Thou hast given Thy Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification. Christ sitteth at the right hand of God, ever to intercede for the sins and ignorances of His wicked and ungrateful servants. Pardon, O Lord, and heal our souls : turn us, O God our Saviour, and let Thine anger cease from us. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him ; the Lord preserveth all them that love Him. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him, He will hear their cry and will help them. O Lord, shew us the way that we should walk in, for in Thee is our trust. Deliver us, O Lord God, and gather us from the heathen who have rebelled against the words of the Lord, and have lightly regarded God their Saviour. Look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, so great also is His mercy towards them that fear Him. Like as a father pitith his own children, even so is the Lord merciful to His people ; for He is the Lord our God, glory and worship are before Him, power and honour are in His sanctuary. The Lord will not fail His people, neither will He forsake such as are true of heart : therefore will we rejoice in the Lord always, for He is our light and our salvation, whom then shall we fear ; the Lord is the strength of our life, of whom then shall we be afraid. O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify His name together. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. &c.

SUNDAY

I.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.

O most holy, great and glorious Majesty of heaven and earth, to whom the blessed company of angels do with the highest adoration give continual thanks and praise, honour, worship, and obedience; acknowledging Thou art above all that they are able to speak, or ascribe and render unto Thee. How much more, O Lord, art Thou exalted above the thoughts of poor mortals, whose souls are clothed in flesh, and live far remote from the throne of Thy glory! Yet such is Thy goodness, that Thou dost condescend to admit us to the fellowship of those holy spirits, that we may be called Thy servants; though when we have done our best, alas! how unprofitable are we all! What is man that Thou art mindful of him? what are the sons of men that Thou dost consider them? Thou hast crowned us with honour here below, and raised us to dominion over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast endued us with understanding to know Thee, and with minds capable to love, serve, and obey Thee, whose most excellent wisdom, Almighty power, and surpassing goodness, we discover in all Thy works. O Lord, what grace was this, that Thou shouldest vouchsafe to communicate any thing of Thy will to such ungrateful, such forgetful creatures. But that Thou shouldest speak to us by Thy Son, and publish such kind intentions to us in the blessed Gospel, and that Thou shouldest recover us with so much cost,

cost, even with the precious blood of the holy Jesus, and didst send Thy Holy Spirit to purify our hearts, that Thy image might be renewed in us, so as to be fit society for Thyself again, and be raised to immortal life! O Lord God, how much doth this exceed all belief! But Thou, in tender mercy to our weak understandings, hast given us full assurance of it. We praise Thee, O God; we magnify Thy holy name: We are bound to Thee more than all other of Thy created works, and Thou hast a double title to our love and gratitude, for our creation and our redemption. O fill our hearts with joy and gladness that we have on this day another opportunity of worshipping Thee in public, and of attending upon Thee in Thy house of prayer. May we be under the comfortable influences of heaven, and cherish all holy thoughts and resolutions, and so attend to Thy will declared by our Saviour, and preached by His faithful ministers, that we may grow in grace, and increase in wisdom and goodness. Inspire, we beseech Thee, O Lord, all hearts to glorify Thy great and holy name. Teach us all, O God, the way of Thy statutes, and enable us to keep Thy commandments; that when we have lived in Thy faith and fear, we may complete our praises and thanksgivings, in the eternal assembly of saints and angels, through the mediation and merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. &c.

SUNDAY

II.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.

O most mighty and glorious God, who madest the heavens in which Thou dwellest ; whose infinite power created angels and men, and all the wonderful works that we behold. The creatures moving upon the face of the earth, in sea and land, shew forth Thy praise. The firmament above shines in mercy to mankind, the beautiful vegetation of the garden of Eden is spared to fallen man, to refresh his labours after the heat and burthen of the day, to renew his strength, and to revive his hopes. O God most merciful, let every tree, and flower, and herb, and fruit, conspire to raise our grateful hearts to Thee, the Author and Giver of all that diffuses pleasure and comfort in this mortal life. Let the light direct our eyes to behold Thee in all Thy works, and let the thoughts of our hearts pursue the theme of Thy marvellous goodness, in sparing us from Thy wrath, which our sins had incurred ; and in redeeming us from eternal death, by the sacrifice of our blessed Lord and Saviour, through whose sufferings, we are made sons of adoption and grace. O blessed Jesus, on this Thy holy day we celebrate Thy glorious resurrection from the dead, the sabbath sacred to our God, the rest of the Lord of hosts ! the day enjoined by divine appointment, for man and beast to rest from labour. O let us rest from sin, that rest will please Thee most.

most. Let only such needful employments as our gracious Redeemer permitted, occupy any part of the time devoted to our Heavenly Master ; who himself became man, and took upon Him our infirmities, and pleaded for our weakness in those memorable words of pity, saying, that the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. But, O Lord, enable us to distinguish between the works of necessity, and the too frequent sin of the worldly-minded, who profane the Lord's day. It is to the Christian a repose from the business of human life, in which he is ordained to be actively employed, but is still enjoined to preserve a heavenly mind : Thou hast in mercy, O Lord, blessed the seventh day, and established the sabbath, that we may renovate our minds by holy rest, and devote ourselves publicly to Thy service. O may we join in the worship of Thy church with joy and gladness : make us fervent and devout in prayer ; and attentive to the word of God, spoken by His appointed ministers of the Gospel ; let us listen with due reverence to their sacred office, and learn our duty with humility, so shall we return with thankful hearts, to praise and adore Thee in private, and to teach those who come after us to glorify Thy name in the next generation.

Amen. So be it.

Our Father, &c. &c.

III.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY LORD GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, Thou hast been pleased in great mercy to preserve us until this time. The return of another day so particularly consecrated to Thy service, calls upon us to reflect upon the days that are past, and to form devout resolutions for the time in which Thou mayest still continue to grant us life. Such among us as are enabled to attend divine service in Thy church, we pray Thee to inspire with such warm devotion, and pious attention, that they may benefit by the prayers in which they join; and call down Thy pity upon those, who, from necessity are not at the same moment uniting their prayers and praises to Thy Divine Majesty. O Lord our God, have compassion upon such as are called upon to perform the duties due to the sick, or their own infirmities; or to the needful employments in which they are engaged, and grant that they may share in the devotions, which are publicly offered up in their behalf. We humbly beseech Thee, to ingraft into all our hearts, the most firm conviction and constant recollection, that we are always in Thy sight, and that Thou hast given us minds to think, and tongues to speak, to the glory and honour of Thy name. O Heavenly and Merciful Father, direct our thoughts, and guard our tongues from uttering the evil of our hearts, which

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perpetually opposes the good resolutions we form ; and may we use our best reason to withstand the wiles of the devil, and the vanities of the world. But vain are the efforts of our understanding, and vain is the help of man in all things, without the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, and Thy aiding grace to confirm His purposes. All power and dominion is solely in the Lord, who governs the world, and reigns over the kings of the earth ; who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever ; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom. O Lord our God, we know that Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity ; we pray Thee to keep us mindful of this great truth, that we may never relax in our earnest endeavours to please Thee, whose favour is better than this life and all its joys, for Thou givest life eternal to such as love Thee and keep Thy commandments. O grant us the healthful Spirit of Thy grace, that we may truly please Thee ; and so walk in the light of Thy truth, that we may at length attain to the light of life immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. &c.

SUNDAY

IV.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD, whose goodness is everlasting, Thou art the eternal Source of all perfection, and the immortal Spring of life, the Fountain of all existence, the First and the Last, without beginning of days, or end of years. O God of infinite compassion, hear our prayers, and direct us this blessed day, how we may most acceptably offer up our devotions to Thy mercy-seat, in our closets, in our family, and in the congregation of Thy church. Let us welcome the day which the Lord hath made, which He hath sanctified to Himself, and called it by His most holy name. Let our private devotions fit and prepare us for Thy public worship, and give us of Thy Holy Spirit, gracious Lord, that all Thy ordinances may be made profitable to us. Glory be to Thee, O Heavenly Father, who, in compassion to human weakness, which is not capable of uninterrupted contemplation of Thee, hast appointed a solemn day for the remembrance of Thine inestimable blessings of creation and redemption. Glory be to Thee, for thus proportioning a seventh part of our time to Thyself, and the concerns of our souls, while Thou hast liberally indulged the remainder to our own use. O let us not forget the account we must give of this beneficent liberty; this free gift of heavenly bounty; which makes us answerable for the conduct of our lives.

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O let us adore Thy mercy for fixing stated seasons for recollection, and religious duties, to consider of this great responsibility. O let us join in the prayers and praises of the church, with ardent and heavenly affections; let us hear Thy word with earnest attention, and with a firm resolution of mind to observe and obey it. Let us employ this day to all those holy purposes Thou hast appointed, in works of necessity, devotion, and charity; in prayer, praise, and meditation: and may our hearts be made fit habitations for Thy Holy Spirit. Accompany Thine own institutions with Thine own blessings; make us to know the will of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and carefully to study the Scriptures, that we may understand what those reasons are which oblige us to contend for it: but let us not attempt to bring down the mysteries of faith to our finite and imperfect comprehension. O blessed Jesus, Thou hast given us Thy holy Gospel, not for a subject of dispute, but for the rule of our practice, and Thy sacred promises are given only to obedience and active service. O let us all study Thy word; and forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. Let us all this day lay aside the cares of the world, and take into our thoughts the joys of heaven, and aspire to those mansions of peace and happiness, where our Saviour Jesus Christ will exalt His faithful servants for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c. &c.

SUNDAY

V.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is Thine, the earth also and all that therein is. Thou art every where, and cannot be excluded from any place; Thou art present to the greatest secrets of our souls, and seest the closest and most retired thoughts of our hearts. Thou knowest well with what designs and affections we now bow ourselves before Thee, and canst not be deceived by any form of words that we are able to utter in Thy praise, if our hearts are not filled with devotion, fear, and love to Thee our Almighty Creator, for Thy never-ceasing bounty and marvellous love towards us. We can do no less than devote ourselves entirely to Thee, and take every opportunity in our power to worship and serve Thee, in the constant exercise of faith, prayer, and praise; and in all the duties of charity to our fellow creatures. We humbly pray Thee that Thy good Spirit may accompany us in all our duties, and especially in the sacred duties of Thy sabbath; that we may purify our hearts, and call to mind, with sorrow, the sins and follies of the last week. Alas! we shall too surely find that our daily prayers have not effectually deterred us from various offences against Thy holy laws, nor have we served Thee with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. Thou, Lord, understandest all the imaginations of our thoughts. O Lord, we dread to search into our

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own hearts, for we behold there too much that is evil, and ungrateful to Thy Fatherly tenderness and indulgence towards us. O Lord, the hearts of all men are in Thy hands, and Thou canst work in us a power to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. O Lord Jesus, sanctify our hearts, and cleanse us from our natural propensities to sin; speak the word, and heal our souls. Remember not our sins and offences, but, according to Thy mercy, think Thou upon us, and O Lord God, let us enter Thy courts this day with joy and gladness. O gracious Lord, be pleased to bless the assemblies of Christian worship with the tokens of Thy presence, that those who wait on Thee may feel that they are in the house of God, and, as it were, at the gate of heaven. Let Thy word humble the proud, melt the hardened, sanctify the unholy, and comfort the distressed. Grant, O blessed Lord, that Thy laws may be engraven on our hearts, and every sacred truth be faithfully preserved and kept in our minds as the rule of our life, the ground of our hope, and the powerful motive of our obedience to Thee, to the end of our days. Keep us, merciful Father, from relapsing into the sins we have repented of, and yet more from continuing in sins without repentance: let us constantly strive to resist every evil thought, and use the proper weapon against every sin. Let the light of Thy grace support us in the way to light and life everlasting, through the merits and sufferings of our blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c. &c.

SACRAMENT

SACRAMENT DAY MORNING.

SUPPLICATION.

BLESSED LORD, let it not be laid to my charge at the awful day of judgment that I have entirely neglected to exhort my family to obey Thy holy ordinances, according to Thy Divine commands.

ADMONITION.

The Minister has given timely notice that he will on this day administer the holy sacrament to all such as are devoutly and religiously disposed, and I remind you of it, because throughout the Scriptures, Almighty God has made it the particular duty of parents and masters, to teach their household to keep the laws, and obey the will of the Lord their God. The fourth commandment contains an awful admonition to us all, respecting orders frequently given to rulers, and all who have children or servants, or a stranger within their gates. The Lord speaks by the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel, " Hallow my sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between me and " you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." The prophet Nehemiah reproves the people for bringing down the wrath of God on their nation. " What evil thing is this that ye do, and " profane the sabbath-day ; did not your fathers thus, and did not " God bring this evil upon us, and upon this city ? yet ye bring " more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath." Our blessed Lord,

Lord, in tender mercy to our infirmities, abolished the severer rules of the Jewish church, which made the sabbath a weariness to man. Let us never be ungrateful for this indulgent mark of our Saviour's love to His Christian servants. We, of these kingdoms, are by legal authority, founded on the laws of the Gospel, restrained from many liberties which would tempt us to neglect the sacred duties instituted by Christ himself, and appointed by our established church. I beg of you to remember the instructions you have received by our daily readings in the Holy Scriptures, and that you will particularly call to mind our blessed Lord's last injunctions, when he ordained the Holy Sacrament. It has frequently been explained to you from the pulpit, whence we have been admonished to frequent the Lord's Table, in remembrance of His meritorious cross and passion, whereby alone we obtain remission of sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of Heaven. To prepare ourselves for this holy communion, we are to repent of our sins, and firmly resolve to forsake them, to feel a Christian charity towards all our fellow creatures, and to have a stedfast faith in the merits and atonement of Christ our Saviour, that so we may take this Holy Sacrament to our own eternal comfort, and that we may have grace to do so; let us devoutly and earnestly pray.

SACRAMENT DAY MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD, our most gracious God, slow to anger and of great goodness, mercifully grant us true repentance, and heart-felt sorrow, for all the sins we have at any time committed against Thee. Forgive us all our iniquities for Christ's sake, and turn our hearts to Thee, the living God, while the day of life is spared to us when pardon may be sought, and an opportunity is afforded us to prove the sincerity of our repentance. On this return of a day so especially consecrated to the most solemn ordinances, give us grace, Almighty Father, to search out our hearts and examine our ways, and to reflect seriously, every one of us, on our own particular sins and general conduct. Blessed Lord, enable us all to do this with earnest attention, and pious resolutions, suited to our several wants and weaknesses, and the particular offences of our lives. O Lord our God, inspire with holy zeal and fervent devotion, all those who intend this day to approach Thy altar; that they may join in those sacred mysteries with true reverence, and so eat of that bread and drink of that cup, that they may be partakers of the most blessed body and blood of Christ our Saviour, and be preserved in body and soul, unto everlasting life. O Lord God of our salvation, hear us when we call upon Thee, and let not the enemy prevail against us. O may we serve Thee in this world in spirit

spirit and in truth, in word and deed ; for Thy Gospel, O Lord Christ, is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, " and the Lord shall be King over all the earth, in that " day shall there be One Lord, and His name One." Grant, O Heavenly Father, that when we have finished our course, we may behold Thy eternal glory in heaven, and dwell in Thy glorious kingdom, where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest ; where God shall be all in all, blessed for evermore. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE END.

